AIR FORCE SAFETY AGENCY



1. Mission. The Air Force Safety Agency (AFSA) oversees, and assists commanders in implementing, the Air Force's risk control and mishap prevention programs. The overall purpose of these programs in the Air Force is to prevent the unnecessary loss of personnel and equipment and to retain the capability to successfully complete military missions. Risk Control and mishap prevention are accomplished by identifying and eliminating risks when possible, and mitigating identified risks to the maximum extent possible when they cannot be eliminated. AFSA also provides the focal point for the development and evaluation of the Air Force nuclear surety standards and procedures. This organization is a field operating agency (FOA).

2. Command. The AFSA Commander:

- 2.1. Is directly subordinate to HQ USAF/SE.
- 2.2. Interacts and communicates directly with all major commands, DRUs, and FOAs as well as all official government and DoD agencies on safety tasks for which HQ AFSA has assigned responsibility.

3. Responsibilities. AFSA:

- 3.1. Implements Air Force Safety plans and programs by assisting commanders at all levels preserve human and material resources while accomplishing their mission.
- 3.2. Develops and manages the USAF Mishap Prevention and Nuclear Surety programs.
- 3.3. Evaluates the effectiveness and efficiency of all Air Force safety programs.
- 3.4. Formulates intervention strategies and makes appropriate recommendations to key decision makers to eliminate or mitigate risk based on trend analysis reviews.
- 3.5. Plans and evaluates mishap prevention programs in all safety and nuclear surety disciplines.
- 3.6. Participates in mishap investigations, provides technical assistance to safety boards, completes Memorandums of Final Evaluation, and tracks corrective actions through completion.
- 3.7. Monitors and evaluates Air Force Occupational Safety endeavors to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act and coordinates on health matters covered by the Act. Develops Air Force Occupational Safety and Heath standards.
- 3.8. Provides chairperson for the Non-Nuclear Munitions Safety Board and one Air Force member for the DoD Explosive Safety Board.
- 3.9. Conducts Air Force nuclear surety and radiological safety surveys, safety studies, and investigations.
- 3.10. Manages the Air Force Nuclear Weapons System Safety Group process including operational safety reviews and nuclear weapon system safety studies.
- 3.11. Directs and monitors the USAF Nuclear Safety Certification Program.
- 3.12. Receives, reviews, and maintains official reports of Air Force mishaps, and conducts studies on how to predict, prevent, and identify potential mishaps and mishap causes.
- 3.13. Examines aerospace and nuclear systems from concept through retirement ensuring safety considerations are included in design, manufacture, maintenance, operations, and retirement.
- 3.14. Manages Air Force mishap prevention information flow through education, training, and recurring magazine publications.
- 3.15. Administers Air Force-level safety conferences and represents the Air Force Chief of Safety at selected safety conferences.

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3.16. Responds to security declassification, Congressional, and FOIA requests and taskings, ensuring no compromise occurs to classified or limited-use information.
3.17. Serves as the DoD representative on the Inter-Agency Nuclear Safety Review Panel (INSRP) as outlined

in Presidential Directive NSC-25, Scientific or Technological Experiments With Possible Large-Scale Adverse Environmental Effects and Launch of Nuclear Systems Into Space.

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